

# AVIATION WORLD'S FAIR 2003 TO BE HELD IN VIRGINIA



Governor Jim Gilmore recently announced that Aviation World's Fair 2003, an exhibition of a century of global aviation advancements commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first manned, powered and controlled flight, will take place April 7-27, 2003 at the Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport in the historic Hampton Roads Region of Virginia.

"Virginia will be at the center of a vast international celebration of aviation technologies and historic accomplishments thanks to the selection of the Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport by Aviation World's Fair, Inc.," said Governor Gilmore.

The 100th anniversary of man's first powered flight by the Wright Brothers in 1903 will be commemorated with a three-week long exhibition that will present to the world the most comprehensive picture of all that aviation has done for mankind in the last century. It will also feature our present capabilities, and future plans for the application of aerospace and aerospace-related technology.

The Hampton Roads Region is home to numerous aviation and aerospace research and development facilities and organizations, including NASA Langley Research Center. The geographic location between Washington

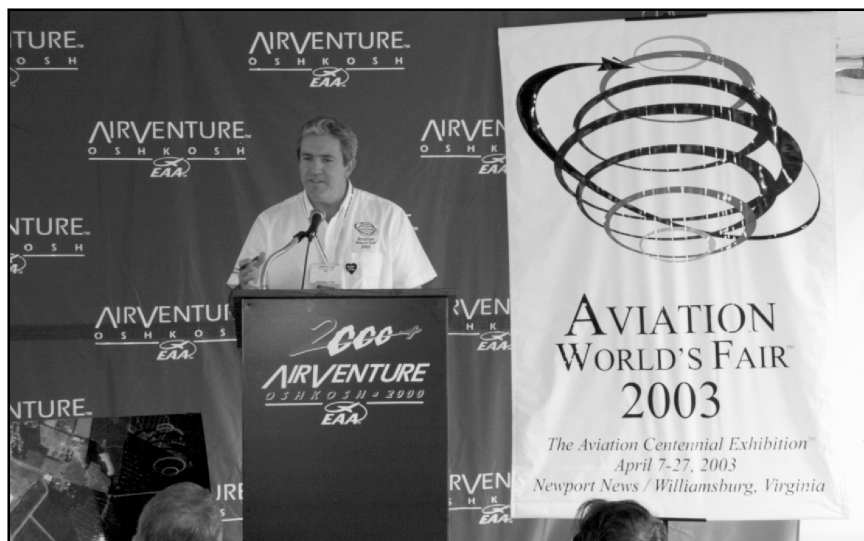
D.C. and North Carolina's Outer Banks provides a perfect venue for an event that will attract scores of foreign and domestic dignitaries to honor the accomplishments of the Wright Brothers at Kill Devil Hills in 1903.

The benefits to the Commonwealth and the Hampton Roads regions are astronomical. From start to finish the locale will benefit as the center of attention in a multi-million dollar worldwide public relations and advertising campaign in addition to a direct marketing and sales initiative, which will reach the best possible target audience.

This means massive global media exposure for the Commonwealth and

Hampton Roads, as well as the advantage of being instantly tied into the vast web of Internet links connecting the tens of millions of aviation, travel and Aviation World's Fair enthusiasts. With this type of name recognition, Virginia and Hampton Roads will be forever linked to the Fair, as is the case with the history-making fairs of London, Paris, Chicago, St. Louis, Montreal, New York and Seattle. Globally, this will provide media saturation for Virginia's travel and tourism industry, highlighting the Fair and the region's attractions.

The web site ([www.aviation-worlds-fair.com](http://www.aviation-worlds-fair.com)) is operational and will be a priority (see AWF 2003 cont. on pg. 7)



**Aviation World's Fair, Inc., CEO, Tom Kallman made the AWF 2003 announcements at Farnborough, England and Oshkosh, Wisconsin.**



## Director's Corner

### VIRGINIA AVIATION CONFERENCE RECAP

The Virginia Aviation Conference was a huge success. The VAOC-planned breakout sessions on Wednesday and Thursday were very highly rated with impressive speakers and interesting topics. The Virginia Aviation Board allocated nearly all of the available funds - about \$18.4 million in all - and recommended several projects at three airports to the Virginia Resources Authority for loans from the newly established Virginia Airports Revolving Loan Fund Program. The Revolving Loan Fund Program was a major part of Governor Gilmore's Transportation Initiative which was passed during the 2000 session of the General Assembly. On top of all this, the Virginia Aviation Community was briefed on Virginia's plans to celebrate the Centennial of Flight in 2003 with the world through Aviation World's Fair 2003, a major international event.

The annual golf game was a complete success. Among the many prize winners where Tommy Grimes (Farmville and Blue Ridge Airports manager) and his son. More than a few of us hit the beach, which was only 50 yards from the hotel, to relax, visit with old friends and meet new friends. And then there was the long anticipated awards banquet. The Virginia Aviation Person of the Year was Dennis Burnett, Deputy Executive Director from Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport for his regional and state-wide efforts to improve air service for Virginia's citizens. The Virginia Aviation Airport Manager of the Year was Juan Rivera, Executive Director of

Leesburg Executive Airport for his accomplishments at the airport and his participation in state-wide efforts. The Virginia Aviation Life-Time Achievement Award was received by Rear Admiral (Retired) Dewitt Freeman for his achievements in aviation and his success in creating and developing Louisa County Airport - Freeman Field.

Other awards were also passed out by various organizations to recognize outstanding volunteers and outstanding deeds from special people from across the state. A new award which I call the "Director's Award", was presented to Ken Scott, Executive Director of the Norfolk Airport Authority. Ken has worked unselfishly in assisting the Department of Aviation in its programs development and the Airport Revolving Loan Fund Program. He has consistently performed above and beyond the call of duty to assist the Department by getting positively involved in our efforts to create or improve programs of financial and technical assistance.

Of course, nothing would happen without the contributions and efforts of a lot of people from throughout the Virginia Aviation Community and the consultants who do the tuff jobs in the continuous development of our aviation system. The exhibitors and consultants are the unsung heroes of every conference and deserve a tremendous amount of credit. They have our sincerest gratitude for making all of our conferences successful.

This conference had historical significance. The Revolving Loan program was initiated and a resolution was unanimously approved by the Virginia Aviation Board inviting the North Carolina Aeronautics Council to partner in Aviation World's Fair 2003.

I want to thank everyone who had a part in supporting this year's aviation conference. You know who you are and we know who you are. Those of you who didn't make Virginia Beach should begin preparing for next year's conference which should prove to be even better.

## NASAO RECEIVES "MILTON CANIFF SPIRIT OF FLIGHT AWARD"

The National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) has been presented the "Milton Caniff Spirit of Flight Award" by the National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF). It is the highest award NAHF can confer upon an organization.

Joseph J. Foss, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, 1984 enshrinee and former Governor of South Dakota, presented the award during NAHF's 39th Annual Enshrinement Ceremony, recently in Dayton, Ohio.

Ken Wiegand, NASAO 2000 Chairman, accepted the award at the elegant black-tie dinner, saying, "We are proud and honored to join the distinguished ranks of previous "Spirit of Flight" recipients including such legendary aviators as, the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders, Tuskegee Airmen, the Mercury Astronauts and the famed Flying Tigers. We humbly accept this high honor on behalf of today's NASAO members in all 50 states, Guam and Puerto Rico...and the dedicated men and

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## ANNUAL AVIATION CONFERENCE HELD AT VIRGINIA BEACH

The 27th Annual Virginia Aviation Conference was held August 23-25, 2000 at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel in Virginia Beach. The theme for this year's conference was "Merging Technology with Aviation Business."

Sponsored by the Virginia Department of Aviation, Virginia Aviation Board, Virginia Aviation Trades Association and the Virginia Airport Operators Council, the conference allows the aviation community to come together for informative discussions and meetings.

This meeting of airport managers, sponsors, consultants, government officials and others with an interest in aviation in Virginia offered breakout sessions on a number of timely topics and runs concurrently with a Virginia Aviation Board meeting. Some of the topics included Runway Incursions, Air 21 Bill, Grant Assurances and Small Air Transportation System (SATS). An exhibit hall featured a wide range of airport-re-

plary ability, vision, perseverance and enthusiasm in the performance of his duties as Director of Leesburg Municipal Airport and his invaluable contribu-



**Dennis Burnett along with his wife and VAB Chairman Pete Ramsey.**

tions to the aviation programs of the Commonwealth.

Dennis O. Burnett was selected as the 2000 Virginia Aviation Person of the Year. This award has been given for diligence, dedication and enthusiasm above and beyond the call of duty in the development of air service programs at Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport which resulted in the provision of enhanced commercial air service and contributed to the economic vitality of the Shenandoah Valley Region.

In recognition of his lifetime dedication to the field of aviation, his enthusiasm and diligent support in the creation

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**Juan Rivera along with his wife and VAB Chairman Pete Ramsey.**

lated products and aviation companies displaying and promoting.

The banquet, which was held on Thursday night, honored those who have made significant contributions to Virginia Aviation over the past year. The 2000 Award for the Virginia Airport Manager of the Year went to Juan E. Rivera. This award is given for demonstrated exem-

## VIRGINIA AVIATION BOARD ALLOCATES FUNDS

At its bimonthly meeting held at the 27th Annual Aviation Conference in Virginia Beach, the Virginia Aviation Board (VAB) approved tentative allocations from the Commonwealth Airport Fund. Twenty of Virginia's airports were awarded allocations for 46 projects valued at \$8,426,512.59. Receiving the largest allocation was **Richmond International Airport for six projects including a terminal platform roadway which was an entitlement allocation of \$2 million and loop roadways, terminal building, concourse "C" expansion, terminal furnishings and taxiway "U" extension valued at \$2,538,182.91 in discretionary funds.** All of these projects are multi-year ventures for the airport. Other airports receiving tentative allocations from the VAB are:

### Region One

- **Virginia Highlands Airport** was allocated \$88,000 for a six-foot perimeter fence and to acquire easement and obstruction removal;

### Region Two

- **Blue Ridge Airport**, in the amount of \$160,000, for taxiway relocation;

- **Roanoke Regional** received \$1,616,425.92 in entitlement funds for noise abatement program, taxiway "E" relocation, runway and taxiway 6-24 rehabilitation, runway 15-33 rehabilitation (design), rehabilitation to G.A. area as well as discretionary funding of \$24,396.08 for passenger lift device.

- **Shenandoah Valley Regional** was allocated \$75,611 in entitlement funds for four projects including ARFF vehicle, runway safety area construction/extension (construction) and \$469,989 in discretionary funds for runway safety area construction/extension (design), for relocation of Rte. 771 (design);

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**Rear Admiral Dewitt Freeman along with his wife, Ken Wiegand and Pete Ramsey.**



# RICK'S DOING IT THE WRIGHT WAY

By Alan Dron  
Flight Daily News

A century ago, Orville and Wilber Wright were experimenting with a series of increasingly large kites and gliders. Now, in preparation for the centenary of their epoch-making flight at Kitty Hawk in 1903, a US organization is going through the same process.

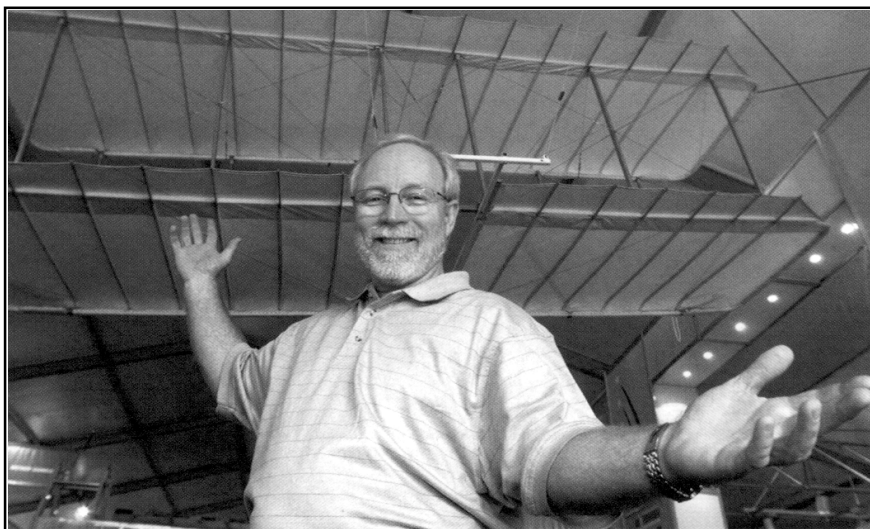
The Wright Experience is dedicated to bringing the story of the Wright brother's exploits to the widest possible audience. The company's climactic event will be at the Aviation World's Fair, scheduled for April 7-27, 2003 at Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport in Newport News, Virginia.

You might reasonably think that the events leading up to a technological breakthrough as significant as manned flight would be well documented. Rick Young, co-founder of The Wright Experience, will tell you otherwise.

The Wright brothers were secretive about their progress toward a viable flying machine. Whether they actually destroyed most of their detailed drawings, or whether they have just gone missing down the years, is uncertain, but few exist today.

"There are just very basic drawings. We're reverse engineering this from old photographs," says Young. "Not until they were in commercial production did drawings survive. I think they were concerned about protecting their secrets."

Another possibility is that, as their



**Rick Young exhibited at the air show in Farnborough, England.**

aircraft evolved, the original drawings for each design may have differed significantly from the aircraft 'as built' and the brothers may have felt they would have been misleading.

Nevertheless, a five foot wingspan replica of the brothers' 1899 kite could be found in the US International chalet and an impressive 17-foot wingspan replica of a 1900 glider was suspended from the ceiling of Hall 3, next to the exhibitors' lounge.

One fascinating aspect of the of the 1900 replica is the fabric draped across its wooded ribs. Remarkably, the cotton muslin material was woven around 1909 by Shorts Brothers in the UK and was intended for a later Wright design. It was bought, decades ago, by Air New Zealand employee Bruce Winder,

who was himself interested in building a Wrights replica. On his death, it was passed to his widow to Young.

By re-creating the Wrights' machines in the same order as the brothers did 100 years ago, "we're re-experiencing what they experienced," says Young. A replica of one of the brothers' powered aircraft, a 1910 Model B, is being prepared by Young's fellow company founder, Ken Hyde, and should be ready to fly early next year.

The Wright Experience is making itself known at airshows around the world leading up to the Aviation World's Fair 2003 through support from Kallman Worldwide, which specializes in the marketing and management of exhibition space. It is organizing the Aviation World's Fair 2003.

## NOTAM...



SR-71 Forum 2000 at the Virginia Aviation Museum. Twenty SR-71 pilots will converge on the Virginia Aviation Museum on Saturday Oct. 14 & Sun. Oct. 15, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Each morning and afternoon Blackbird crews members, maintainers and mission support personnel will take part in panel discussions about the aircraft's development and use. See an actual pressure suit worn by aircrews. Weather permitting, look inside the cockpit of the Virginia Aviation Museum's own SR-71, Airforce tail number 61-7968. On Saturday October 14, 7-11 p.m. will be the Espionage Ball. For more info contact the museum at (804) 367-6552.

# NEW NEST FOR EAGLE'S NEST AIRPORT



Eagle's Nest Airport, located just outside the small town of Waynesboro, Virginia has a new look. The airport recently dedicated a brand new terminal, which is the beginning of even more development around the Eagle's Nest Airport.

The airport, built in 1940, serves an average of 30 flights a day. About 50 local residents rent space at Eagle's Nest to house their private planes. Most of these planes are hitched outside along the 50-foot grass taxiways at both ends of the strip. Other planes are housed in a small hanger adjacent to the new terminal.

This new \$1 million, 1,400-square-foot airport facility will be a great addition to this modest general aviation airport. One unique aspect that goes along with the new terminal is a new community, literally.

Also announced the same day of the dedication ceremony is the new concept of planned community. West-Eagle subdivision, which will surround the Eagle's Nest Airport, will add airport-centered communities to the lexicon of development plans. People buying homes in the subdivision will have the option of building hangers to their homes, with access to the airport's 2000-foot runway. "Other communities are built around golf

courses or lakes," said Eagle's Nest owner Mike Fogle. "We're built around an airport." Fogle is also a partner in the West-Eagle project.

Carl Kerby, president of Westhills Ltd., a Waynesboro-based development firm has been working on this project since 1990. Kerby and Fogle showed off the first five homes in conjunction with the dedication of the new terminal. The 95-acre development has space for 162 lots. Plans are already underway for the first 24-home section in the community. "A lot of work has gone into making this a reality," said Kerby. "This is one of the area's best kept secrets."

In attendance at the dedication cer-

emony was Department of Aviation Director Ken Wiegand. Wiegand spoke before the ribbon cutting. "This type of commitment is great for the local economy," said Wiegand. "With the new community being built, this will definitely boost economic development for this area." Wiegand went on to stress the importance of smaller airports, saying they are the link to future expansion and growth.

With the new addition of the terminal and development plans in action for the West-Eagle community, Eagle's Nest is ready for more activity. If this new terminal is any indication of things to come for this viable area, it will certainly stay a first-class operation.



**The new terminal at Eagle's Nest Airport is a perfect fit to compliment the up and coming West-Eagle Community.**

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women who preceded us over the past 69 years."

NAHF established the award in 1981 and presented it first to the USAF Thunderbirds. The award was renamed in honor of aviator, Dayton native and artist Milton Caniff, who created portraits of all Hall of Fame Enshrinees until his death in 1988. Caniff was also famous for creating the Steve Canyon, and Terry and The Pirates comic strips.

Mike Jackson, NAHF's executive director, said that NASAO was selected for the award because of its, "outstand-

ing achievements and contributions to aviation. Certainly the progress made during the first half of the 20th century came through the efforts of courageous and innovative individuals who found support in their states, long before any federal government research or regulatory programs."

The presentation of the Spirit of Flight Award was the culmination of a gala weekend of celebration that saw such luminaries as history's first moon walker, Buzz Aldrin and the last man on the moon Gene Cernan, enshrined in the

National Hall of Fame, which is located in the Wright Brothers' hometown of Dayton.



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**Region Three**

- **Culpeper Regional** received funds in the amount of \$368,980.64 for T-hanger site preparation, runway/taxiway extension (design) and terminal apron (design/construction);
- **Leesburg Executive Airport**, in the amount of \$1,001,373, for north apron expansion/rehab, auto parking, utility master plan, SWPPP Update and west runway safety area improvement (construction);
- **Luray Caverns Airport** was allocated \$496,000 to relocate Rte. 652;
- **Orange County Airport** received \$55,477.60 for land acquisition;
- **Warrenton/Fauquier Airport**, in the amount of \$80,000, also for land acquisition;
- **Winchester Regional** was awarded \$200,000 for relocation of Rte. 645 (design);

**Region Four**

- **Hanover County Airport** received \$205,518.48 for runway and taxiway extension and obstruction removal;
- **Hummel Field** was allocated \$2,200 for terminal building rent;
- **Louisa County Airport** was awarded \$25,000 for taxiway for T-hangers;
- **New Kent Airport**, in the amount of \$8,000 for terminal furnishings;

- **Northern Neck** received \$80,000 for airport site selection;
- **Stafford Regional** was allocated \$27,000 for a temporary terminal facility;

**Region Five**

- **Lynchburg Regional** received \$414,294.23 for G.A. terminal building, G.A. apron overlay, MUFIDS installation, as well as snow removal equipment and runway D-icer all which were entitlement funds;

- **William M. Tuck Airport** was allocated \$35,332 for aviation easements and AIP-eligible improvements design;

**Region Six**

- **Chesterfield County Airport**, in the amount of \$32,800 for E.A. for taxiway and runway/taxiway 15-33 rehab. Fillets (design);

- **Dinwiddie County Airport**, was allocated \$1,213,701.58 for utility relocation, terminal site work/drainage, terminal auto parking, terminal apron, airport service road, runway 5-23 overlay/lighting, taxiway overlay/rehab., apron rehab., easement acquisition and parallel taxiway/lighting;

- **Emporia-Greenville Regional**, received \$56,000 in allocated funds for taxiway rehabilitation;

- **Farmville Municipal**, in the amount of \$80,000 for ALP update;

- **Lawrenceville-Brunswick Airport**, was awarded \$17,360 for land acquisition (Ph. II);

- **Lunenburg County Airport**, was awarded \$4,400 for terminal building furniture;

- **Mecklenburg-Brunswick Regional Airport**, received \$16,000 in funds for perimeter fencing (Ph. I);

**Region Seven**

- **Chesapeake Regional**, was allocated \$36,000 for airport master plan update and corporate hanger site preparation;

- **Hampton Roads Airport**, received funds in the amount of \$258,040 for E.A. update, land acquisition and a 24-hour credit card fuel system

- **Newport News/ Williamsburg International**, was allocated \$1,732,650.67 in funds for terminal baggage claim expansion, runway 7-25 joint sealing, grooving and marking, runway 7-25 RSA drainage rehab., airport drainage plan, and south ramp/taxiway design

- **Suffolk Municipal** received \$288,000 in funds for taxiway "E" extension (Ph. I) and perimeter fencing (Ph. II);

- **Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport**, in the amount of \$104,313.60 for a maintenance equipment building and

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 mary gateway to marketing the event. It will allow for visitor registration, ticket sales, accommodation information, attractions and services available in the regions.

"Virginia's aviation community is very privileged to have such a celebrated event come to the Commonwealth," said Department of Aviation Director Ken Wiegand. "The impact this will have on Virginia as a whole is unprecedented. We will forever be remembered for hosting the international celebration for the centennial of flight."

The Aviation World's Fair 2003 is Virginia's opportunity to host the entire world's aerospace industry and present to the world Virginia's commitment to the evolution of worldwide aviation.

Tom Kallman, President and CEO of Kallman Worldwide, Inc. was in Farnborough, England at the airshow to announce the Aviation World's Fair 2003. He then made the trip back over to AirVenture 2000 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin to announce it there as well.

Headquartered in Waldwick, New Jersey—with branch offices in Washington D.C., Vancouver, London and

Paris—Kallman Worldwide, Inc., the parent company to Aviation World's Fair, Inc., is recognized as one of the world's largest and longest-established specialized exhibition space marketing and management firms. Founded in 1963, Kallman Worldwide, Inc. offers a full range of export marketing support services. They have assisted federal, regional and local government agencies, trade associations, educational institutions and in 37 years of activity, has assisted and aided more than 10,000 individual companies establish or develop worldwide markets.



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apron expansion design;

The Department of Aviation also recently announced the first requests for Airport Revolving Loan Program. Three of the Commonwealth's airports requested loans in the amount of \$48,108,544 on nine projects.

In other significant action the VAB also tentatively allocated \$484,202 from the Aviation Promotion/Air Service Development and Grant-in-Aide Program to 21 of the Commonwealth's airports.

#### Region One

• **Tazewell County Airport** received \$7,500;

#### Region Two

• **Blue Ridge Airport** was awarded \$7,500; **Roanoke Regional**, in the amount of \$25,000; **Shenandoah Valley Regional** was allocated \$25,000;

#### Region Three

• **Leesburg Executive Airport** was allocated \$2,500; **Manassas Regional** received \$15,000; **Winchester Regional** in the amount of \$7,500;

#### Region Four

• **Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport** received \$25,000; **Hummel Field** was awarded \$4,361; **New Kent County Airport** received an allocation of \$7,500; **Richmond International**, in the amount of \$25,000; **Friends of Richmond International** was awarded \$25,000; **Stafford Regional** was allocated \$7,500; **Tappahannock-Essex County Airport** received an allocation of \$7,500;

#### Region Five

• **Lynchburg Regional**, in the amount of \$25,000;

#### Region Six

• **Chesterfield County Airport** received an allocation of \$7,500; **Mecklenburg-Brunswick Regional** was allocated \$1,841;

#### Region Seven

• **Franklin Municipal Airport** received \$3,000; **Hampton Roads Airport**, in the amount of \$7,500; **Newport News/Williamsburg Interna-**

**tional** was awarded \$25,000; **Blue Ribbon Commission** was allocated \$25,000; **Norfolk International Airport** was allocated \$25,000; **Suffolk Municipal Airport** \$7,500. All of these allocations were for aviation promotion at the airports.

The following allocations are for air service development.

#### Region Two

• **Roanoke Regional**, in the amount of \$20,000; **Shenandoah Valley Regional** received \$20,000;

#### Region Three

• **Manassas Regional** was allocated \$15,000;

#### Region Four

• **Richmond International Airport** was awarded \$20,000; **Friends of Richmond International** received \$10,000;

#### Region Five

• **Lynchburg Regional** was allocated \$20,000;

#### Region Seven

• **Newport News/Williamsburg International** received \$20,000; **Blue Ribbon Commission** was allocated \$20,000; **Norfolk International**, in the amount of \$20,000.

The Virginia Aviation Board is made up of eight members representing seven regions. The Board approves funding requests brought to it by the Virginia Department of Aviation, a state agency working to support and promote commercial and private aviation interests at the Commonwealth's 69 public-use airports.



## EVENTS...



### **September 22-24: NAS Oceana Neptune Festival**

**Air Show.** Featuring the Navy Blue Angles, B-1, Korean War re-enactment and more. Twilight show 22nd 5 p.m.-10p.m., 23rd & 24th show 8 a.m.-5p.m. For more info on this show please visit [www.neptuneairshow.com](http://www.neptuneairshow.com).

**September 30th: Wings Over Wise Air Show.** For more info. contact Lonsome Pine Airport at (540) 328-5300.

**September 30th: Wings and Wheels 2000** will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Hummel Field in Topping, Virginia. For more info. call (804) 758-2753.

**October 12-15: Suffolk Peanut Festival** at Suffolk Municipal Airport. For more info. call (757) 923-2487.

**October 14-15: EAA Fall Fly-In** at Winchester Regional Airport. For more info. call (540) 662-5786.

**October 21: Accomack Co. Airfest**, for more info. call (757) 787-4600

**October 27- 29: Chesterfield County Airport** will host the Collings Foundation B-17/B-24 (World War II bombers. For more info contact (804) 271-8426.

*Submit upcoming event information to:*  
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The fourth annual Virginia Finest Pilot Award was awarded to Tom Gatewood of Falls Church, Virginia.



**Tom Gatewood along with DOAV Director Ken Wiegand.**

This award is presented by Angel Flight of Virginia and the Virginia Department of Aviation to a Virginia pilot who has

made an outstanding contribution to the health and welfare of Virginia citizens through his provision of no-cost, long-distance medical air transportation through the Angel Flight of Virginia program.

Presented to the three Virginia pilots who, have introduced the most young people to the joy of flight as a part of the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles Program, are awarded the 2000 Virginia Top Eagle. This year's "Top Eagle #1" is Raymond Judd of Huddleston, Virginia. "Top Eagle #2" is George Smith of Great Falls, Virginia and "Top Eagle #3" is Charles Tippet from Warrenton, Virginia.

Overall the conference was a wonderful success. The Virginia Department of Aviation is pleased to congratulate all the 2000 Virginia Aviation Awards winners and would like to thank them for their outstanding contributions to Virginia aviation.

## Smile File



### ...and the next event will be the "Jetway Sprint"

At the airport, the passengers were settled down to wait for the boarding announcement at Gate 35. Suddenly, they heard the voice on the public address system saying, "We apologize for the inconvenience, but Delta Flight 570 will board from Gate 41."

All the passengers picked up their baggage and made the trek over to Gate 41. Not 10 minutes later there was another announcement saying that Flight 570 would, in fact be boarding from Gate 35.

Once again, they gathered their carry-on baggage and return to the original gate. Just as they were settling down, the public address voice spoke once again: "Thank you for participating in Delta's physical-fitness program."



If you are interested in learning more about what is going on in the Department of Aviation, please call our office at (804) 236-3624 or our Sponsor Hotline at (800) 292-1034. Visit our website for updates on future events at: [www.doav.state.va.us](http://www.doav.state.va.us).



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